

City Charter Review ^[1]

Based on concerns raised by councilmembers in prior years related to the City's Charter, the City Council formed a Charter Review Committee in April 2016 comprised of eight (8) City of Kelso residents. The Charter Review Committee met several times to consider changes to the City Charter and has recommended several changes that are reflected in the resolutions noted below approved by City Council on July 5, 2016.

The following propositions will be placed on the November 8, 2016, ballot for voters to decide on.

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ^[2]

CHARTER AMENDMENT CONCERNING COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

The Kelso City Council adopted Resolution 16-1161 concerning City Charter amendments related to geographic districts and councilmember district residency requirements. If approved, this proposition would amend Charter Sections 2.02(a)-(b), 2.06(a), and 2.06(c) by eliminating provisions related to the creation of geographic districts, district residency requirements to hold office and councilmember vacancies and appointments resulting from district residency. If approved, candidates and councilmembers for each council position may reside anywhere within the City.

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ^[3]

CHARTER AMENDMENT CONCERNING COUNCILMEMBER VACANCIES

The City Council adopted Resolution 16-1162 concerning City Charter amendments related to councilmember vacancies. If approved, this proposition would amend City Charter Section 2.06(a) to specify that vacancy of a councilmember's seat occurs upon failure to attend six regular meetings instead of any six regular and/or special meetings.

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ^[4]

CHARTER AMENDMENT CONCERNING CITY MANAGER PROVISIONS

The City Council adopted Resolution 16-1163 concerning City Charter amendments related to the City Manager. If adopted, this proposition would eliminate Article 3 from the Charter related to City Manager appointment, removal, powers, and duties. If adopted, City Manager appointment, removal, powers, and duties would be governed solely by the same optional code city provisions of state law at RCW 35A.13 applicable to all other code cities within the state.

PROPOSITION NO. 4 ^[5]

CHARTER AMENDMENT CONCERNING CITY ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The Kelso City Council adopted Resolution 16-1164 concerning City Charter administrative amendments. If approved, this proposition would amend Article IV, and Sections 2.07, 2.09 through 2.14, and 9.01 through 9.02 of the Charter, resulting in such matters being governed by Title 35A RCW, the same optional code city provisions of state law applicable to all code cities within the state.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's) - Coming soon

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